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SUBJECT: US - MEXICAN TELECOMMUNICATION NEGOTIATIONS AND
DISCUSSIONS

REF: MEXICO 18590, 18402

1. DEPT AND FCC AGREE TO TALKS AT MEXICO CITY 29 AND 30
NOVEMBER.
2. US IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH AGENDA PROPOSED BY MEXICO
BUT BELIEVES AGENDA SHOULD BE RE-WORKED TO REFLECT TWO-FOLD
PURPOSE OF MEETING, NAMELY:

A. RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT OF 16 JULY 1958 (TIAS-4089)
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TO PERMIT USE OF UPPER PORTION OF FREQUENCY BAND 470 TO
890 MHZ FOR LAND MOBILE SERVICE IN BORDER AREA;

B. REVIEW OF EXISTING AND POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS IN TELE-
COMMUNICATION AREA FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHICH MIGHT
USEFULLY BE PURSUED IN LATER DETAILED DISCUSSIONS.

3. US TEAM WILL INCLUDE PERSONS WITH EXPERTISE TO AGREE TO LANGUAGE TO BE PROPOSED TO GOVERNMENTS ON REVISION OF 1958 UHF AGREEMENT AND WE ARE HOPEFUL MEXICAN DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE SIMILAR OFFICIALS.

4. LIMITED SIZE OF TEAM AS WELL AS SHORT DURATION OF MEETING WILL, IN US VIEW, PRECLUDE DETAILED TREATMENT OF REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS. WE BELIEVE JOB OF NOVEMBER MEETING SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY WHICH OF REMAINING ITEMS JUSTIFY LATER DETAILED DISCUSSION.

5. REGARDING MEXICAN AGENDA ITEM (7), US TEAM WILL MAKE AVAILABLE BROCHURE ON ORGANIZATION OF FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT IN UNITED STATES. TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE PLEASED ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WITHIN THEIR OWN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY BUT MEXICANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT US TEAM WILL NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY, WHICH AS REGULATORY BODY FOR US FEDERAL GOVT USE OF SPECTRUM IS IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED WITH A NUMBER OF RADIO-COMMUNICATION SERVICES NEAR COMMON BORDER.

6. REGARDING MEXICAN AGENDA ITEM (9), IN VIEW OF SHORT DURATION OF NOVEMBER MEETING AND INVOLVEMENT OF DIFFERENT OFFICIALS IN PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE, US SUGGESTS THAT THIS SUBJECT BE TREATED AT SEPARATE LATER MEETING. PRESENT INTENTION IS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSE INITIAL MEETING WITH MEXICO ON 1979 WARC FOR EARLY 1978.

7. UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS" US INTENDS SOLICIT MEXICAN VIEWS ON FUTURE ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM AROUND 900 MHZ TO CB-TYPE SERVICE. MATTER WILL BE LEFT WITH MEXICAN SIDE FOR LATER RESPONSE AND US SIDE WILL NOT RPT NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE MEXICAN VIEWS AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

8. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY MAY WISH DISCUSS FOLLOWING COUNTERPROPOSAL OF DRAFT AGENDA WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS:

9. AGENDA ITEM 1. RENEGOTIATION OF EXISTING UHF AGREEMENT (TIAS-4089). (AS EMBASSY AWARE, MOST PRESSING REASON FOR MEETING FROM US STANDPOINT IS TO AMEND 1958 UHF AGREEMENT TO PERMIT INTRODUCTION OF LAND MOBILE SERVICE IN UPPER PART OF FREQUENCY BAND 470 - 890 MHZ IN BORDER AREA; SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, PARA THREE OF STATE 236490.)

10. AGENDA ITEM 2. CONSIDERATION OF ADEQUACY OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF ANY THAT MAY APPROPRIATELY

BE TREATED IN SUBSEQUENT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. (IN US VIEW, NOVEMBER MEETING SHOULD MERELY ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY WHICH OF THESE MERIT SUCH ATTENTION.)

A. AM BROADCASTING AGREEMENTS (TIAS-7021).

B. FM BROADCASTING AGREEMENT (TIAS-7697).

C. VHF TELEVISION BROADCASTING AGREEMENT (TIAS-5043).

11. AGENDA ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE NEW AGREEMENTS. (AGAIN, US BELIEVES MEETING SHOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO IDENTIFYING PROMISING AREAS FOR SUCH AGREEMENTS, WITH DETAILED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS CONCERNED TO FOLLOW LATER.)

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A. COORDINATION OF USE OF SPECTRUM BETWEEN 148 AND 174 MHZ.

B. RECIPROCAL OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR AMATEUR SERVICE.

C. RECIPROCAL OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR CB RADIO.

12. AGENDA ITEM 4. OTHER BUSINESS. MEXICAN VIEWS ON ALLOCATION OF BAND FOR CB-TYPE USE IN 900 MHZ PORTION OF SPECTRUM (PARA SEVEN ABOVE).

13. FOLLOWING WILL COMPRISE US TEAM:

A. DEXTER ANDERSON, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE (TEAM LEADER).

B. NEAL K. MCNAUGHTEN, ASSISTANT CHIEF, BROADCAST BUREAU, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

C. SAMUAL R. MCCONOUGHIEY, COMMON CARRIER BUREAU, FCC.

D. GEORGE PETRUTSAS, SAFETY AND SPECIAL RADIO SERVICES BUREAU, FCC.

E. NEAL PIKE, SAFETY AND SPECIAL RADIO SERVICES BUREAU, FCC.

F. DOUGLAS R. SPALT, OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER, FCC.

G. JOHN P. STEINMETZ, UNITED STATES EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, AND/OR SUCH OTHER PERSONNEL AS EMBASSY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

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14. PLEASE CABLE NAMES AND POSITIONS OF MEXICAN DELEGATION, AS WELL AS ANY REACTION TO US COUNTERPROPOSALS IN PARAS NINE TO TWELVE ABOVE.

15. WILL CABLE HOTEL RESERVATION REQUESTS SHORTLY. VANCE

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